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SUBJ: MBFR: FORCE DEFINITION GUIDANCE FOR NEXT ROUND

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1. US REP (MOORE) INTRODUCED US POSITION PAPER ON FORCE DEFINITIONS (REFTEL) TO SPC SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 22.

2. THE UK REP (BAILES) REPORTED THAT HER AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT INTERIM GUIDANCE TO THE AHG SHOULD BE PREPARED BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO DECIDE ON A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF FORCE DEFINITIONS. THE INTERIM GUIDANCE SHOULD FIRST, POINT OUT THAT THE ALLIES ARE STILL VERY ATTACHED TO THE UNIFORM PRINCIPLE AND SECOND, WHILE NOT RULING OUT AGREEMENT ON ANOMALIES, STRESS THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE ANOMALIES ARE IS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF DATA AND THE EAST HAS ATTACHED NUMBERS TO THE ANOMALIES. SHE SAW A DIFFERENT NUANCE IN THE US PAPER THAT  
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INCLUDED MORE PRINCIPLES LEADING TO A FINAL SOLUTION RATHER THAN TO INTERIM GUIDANCE.

3. THE BELGIAN REP (BURNY) ALSO BELIEVED THERE COULD BE NO

AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE ANOMALIES ARE UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF DATA. THE FRG REP (HOYNCK), HOWEVER, DISAGREED WITH THE BELGIAN AND UK REPS. HE SAID THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT THERE CANNOT BE AGREEMENT ON WHAT ARE THE ANOMALIES, BUT THAT THERE CAN BE NO AGREEMENT ON RECATEGORIZATION OF EXISTING ANOMALIES UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF DATA. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER SIDE ON A LIST OF ANOMALIES; THIS WOULD AT LEAST FORECLOSE FUTURE ATTEMPTS BY THE EAST TO ADD A MORE DANGEROUS GROUP -- THE LARGE NUMBER OF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT TROOPS -- TO THE LIST OF ANOMALIES.

4. THE UK REP BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BEGIN TO DISCUSS ANOMALIES WITH THE EAST IN THE WAY SUGGESTED BY US WITHOUT RAISING AT LEAST A PRESUMPTIVE INTERPRETATION BY THE EAST THAT THE WEST IS COMMITTED TO TREAT THE ANOMALIES BY RECATEGORIZING THEM. THEREFORE, DISCUSSIONS ON DEFINITIONS AND DATA MUST MOVE IN PARALLEL AND IF ONE OR THE OTHER MUST COME FIRST, IT SHOULD BE DATA.

5. THE FRG REP SAID HE MIGHT HAVE AGREED WITH THE UK REP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT THE AHG IS NOW DISCUSSING DEFINITIONS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE ALLIES COULD NOW DISCONTINUE DISCUSSIONS PENDING AN EXCHANGE OF DATA.

6. THE US REP POINTED OUT THAT THE US PAPER WAS BROADLY CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE OTHER ALLIES. IN PARTICULAR, THE US PAPER EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS GOALS OF AN AGREED DEFINITION, GOALS WHICH WOULD STRICTLY LIMIT THE DISCUSSION TO CERTAIN ANOMALIES, AND MAKE CLEAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL THE RELEVANT DATA HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (SMITH) AGREED, SAYING HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE US PAPER. HE THOUGHT THE UK CONCERN WAS WHOLLY COVERED IN THE US PAPER.

7. THE FRG REP URGED THAT THE SPC PROCEED WITH DRAFTING GUIDANCE FOR THE AHG WHICH WILL OPEN THE NEXT ROUND OF  
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DISCUSSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 26. AT SUGGESTION OF ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) A DRAFTING GROUP WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 23 TO PREPARE DRAFT GUIDANCE THAT THE SPC CAN CONSIDER ON SEPTEMBER 25. BRUCE

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